43. Devala
44. Kolapalli
45. Kotagiri
46. Nelliyalam
47. Oabduab
48. Nilgiris
49. Marapalam
50. Annamalais

Karnataka Forest Plantation Corporation

51. Karnataka Tea Project

STATEMENT-II

Production and Export of Tea during first four years of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Year	Production (Mn. kgs)	Exports Qty. (M.kgs)	Exports Value (Rs. Crores)
1992-93	736.00	180.69	1058.70
1993-94	768.05	154.55	1062.04
1994-95	743.33	152.16	986.41
1995-96	762.35	163.65	1191.19

Shortage of Smaller Currency Notes

3257. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Es Bazar main Sab Dhar Baees Passeri Hai" as appearing in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated November 25, 1996;

(b) whether the Government are aware that there has been shortage of smaller denomination of Indian currency in Siligudy in West Bengal;

(c) whether it has led to the flow of foreign currency particularly currency of Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh which is being openly used there; and

(d) if so, the details of the preventive steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) following a decision of the Govt. to comise lower demonination notes of Rs.1, Rs.2, and Rs.5, these notes are no longer being printed by the note printing presses and hence no supply of fresh notes of these demonination. However, coins of smaller denominations in adequate quantity are supplied to the North Bengal area to meet the needs of the local people.

(c) We have no information regarding flow of currency of Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh in Siligudy area.

(d) Does not arise.

Tea Plantation in Kerala

3258. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in 'The Economic Times' dated October 10, 1996 captioned "Majority of the Tea plantation in Kerala Sick", says Industry;

(b) whether the tea industry in other parts of the country are also not in a good condition;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the tea plantation in Kerala and other parts of he country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Tea is an agro-based crop. Like all agro-based crops, the production and price of tea varies from State to State and year to year depending upon agro-climatic condition as well as, demand supply position, quality, and type of tea production. Estimated production of tea in the first ten months of 1996 show considerable increase over the same period in 1995. There is a marginal decline, however, in South India, except Karnataka on account of adverse agro-climatic conditions in 1996. However, the price of tea at all auction centres have been higher in 1996 compared to the corresponding period in 1995.

(d) In order to improve tea plantations in all parts of the country including Kerala, Tea Board has been operating various development schemes to encourage activities such as replantation extension planting, setting up of new plantations, assistance to small growers in extension activities and research & development.

Pending Bail Applications

3259. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending in the High Court, district and Subordinate courts in Delhi as on January 1, 1994, January 1, 1995, January 1, 1996, and till date;

(b) whether Lok Adalats were held for dispensing of disputes through negotiations recently;

(c) if so, the number of cases settled in these Lok Adalats in each session during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for expedite the pending cases in the above courts and popularise Lok Adalats among the litigants to ensure inexpensive an expeditious justice through out the country?